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ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS ON
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER
(NIEO)

REF: A) STATE 300563; B) USUN 6038; C) USUN 5895;
D) UN DOCUMENT A/C.2/31/L.86; E) STATE 291813; F) STATE 290094

1. SUMMARY: ON DEC 13 THE SECOND COMMITTEE ADOPTED THE
RESOLUTION IN REF D ON IMPLEMENTATION OF GA RESOLUTION ON
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NIEO. THE RESULTS OF THE
RECORDED VOTE WERE 105-1(US)-7 (BELGIUM, FRANCE, FRG,
ISRAEL, ITALY, JAPAN, AND THE UK). EXPLANATIONS AFTER THE
VOTE WERE MADE BY THE US, THE SEVEN COUNTRIES WHO ABSTAINED,
AND BY SEVERAL STATES (CANADA, AUSTRALIA, SPAIN AND FINLAND)
WHO VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE RESOLUTION WITH RESERVATIONS.
END SUMMARY.

2. THE RESOLUTION IN REF D WITH A NEW AND LENGTHY TITLE
WAS A RESULT OF REVISIONS MADE ON L.28 FOLLOWING INFORMAL
CONSULTATIONS. THE US DELEGATION HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN
THESE CONSULTATIONS PER REFTTEL F.

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3. IN THE US EXPLANATION OF VOTE, AMBASSADOR MYERSON

REAFFIRMED THE US COMMITMENT TO A DIALOGUE AIMED AT THE ATTAINMENT OF CONCRETE AND SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE US WAS NOT PREPARED TO ENTERTAIN CRITICISM FOR AN ALLEGED FAILURE TO CARRY OUT COMMITMENTS IT HAD NOT ACCEPTED. IF THE COMMON DESIRE WAS TO PROMOTE CONSENSUS, AMBASSADOR MYERSON STATED THAT WELL-KNOWN AND FIRMLY-HELD VIEWS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED AS THE BASIS FOR THE COMMITTEE'S WORK. (THE FULL TEXT OF US STATEMENT WILL BE SENT TO ADDRESSEES BY AIRGRAM.)

4. IN THE OTHER EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE, FRANCE, THE FRG, AND JAPAN MADE STRONG STATEMENTS OF THEIR RESERVATIONS. THE FRENCH DELEGATE EXPRESSED HIS SURPRISE THAT SO MANY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES COULD ACCEPT PREAMBULAR PARA 7 WHICH NOTED WITH REGRET THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' LACK OF POLITICAL WILL TO IMPLEMENT THE NIEO RESOLUTIONS. THE UK AND ITALY SAID THAT REAL PROGRESS COULD ONLY BE ACHIEVED WHEN RESOLUTIONS WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

5. AFTER VOTING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTION, THE CANADIAN DELEGATE SAID THAT HE FELT "LESS THAN FULL ENTHUSIASM" FOR IT. HE NOTED THAT THE RESOLUTION CONTAINED NEGATIVE ELEMENTS AND IMPRACTICAL PROPOSALS.

6. PAKISTAN, IN A MILD STATEMENT, SAID THAT A CONSENSUS MIGHT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE IF ALL (READ US) HAD PARTICIPATED IN THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. THE PAKISTANI DELEGATE REAFFIRMED G-77 SUPPORT FOR THE "COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF DEVELOPMENT" AS CONTAINED IN RESOLUTION.

7. COMMENT: WHILE TOO EARLY TO DRAW ALL THE LESSONS FROM THIS EXERCISE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE FIRM US ATTITUDE THROUGHOUT STRENGTHENED THE BACKS OF OTHER WESTERN DELEGATIONS IN MAKING THE G77 TEXT SIGNIFICANTLY LESS OBJECTIONABLE. MOREOVER, OUR DECISION TO CALL FOR A VOTE RESULTED IN ABSTENTIONS BY THE MOST IMPORTANT INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. (THEY HAD BEEN PREPARED TO ACQUIESCE IN A CONSENSUS.) THUS, THE RECORD OF BASIC RESERVATIONS AND OBJECTIONS TO NIEO HAS BEEN MORE OR LESS UNCLASSIFIED

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